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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Shunpei Yamazaki et al.

Art Unit: 1109

Parent

Serial No.: 08/623,336

Examiner: A. Weisstuch

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Filed : 3/27/96

Title : THIN-FILM PHOTOELECTRIC CONVERSION DEVICE AND A METHOD
OF MANUFACTURING THE SAMEAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION/DIVISIONAL APPLICATION

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR 1.60, of pending prior application Serial No. 08/623,336 filed on March 27, 1996 by Shunpei Yamazaki and Yasuyuki Arai for THIN-FILM PHOTOELECTRIC CONVERSION DEVICE AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME.

1. Enclosed is a true copy of the above identified prior application, including the declaration as originally filed including any amendments referred to therein, none of which introduced new matter. The true copy of the prior application is as follows: 26 page(s) of specification; 5 page(s) of claims; 1

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I hereby certify under 37 CFR 1.10 that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Express Mail Post Office To Addressee" with sufficient postage on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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page(s) of abstract; 4 sheet(s) of drawings; and 2 page(s) of declaration and power of attorney.

2. Cancel in this application claims 2-25 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one original independent claim has been retained for the purpose of filing this application.

3. A preliminary amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.

4. A substitute specification, as filed in the parent case is enclosed. Please enter this amendment prior to examination.

5. The filing fee, based on the original claims in the prior application less any claims canceled herein, is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED				
	Number <u>Filed</u>	Number <u>Extra</u>	<u>Rate</u>	Basic <u>Fee</u>
				\$770
Total Claims	[1] - 20 =	[0] x	\$ 22 =	[-0-]
Independent Claims	[1] - 3 =	[0] x	\$ 80 =	[-0-]
Multiple Dependent Claims			\$260 =	[-0-]
		Total Filing Fee =		[770]

6. Enclosed are 4 sheet(s) of formal drawings for use in this application.

7. Priority of Japanese applications:

serial number 7-129865 filed on March 27, 1995;

serial number 7-12984 filed on March 27, 1995; and

serial number 7-110121 filed on April 11, 1995 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

The certified copies have been filed in prior U.S. application serial number 08/623,336 filed on March 27, 1996.

8. Priority of U.S. application serial number 08/623,336 filed March 27, 1995 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

9. Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This is a divisional of copending application Serial No. 08/623,336, filed March 27, 1995. ^{now U.S. Patent 5,700,333}

10. With respect to the prior application from which this application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120, the inventors named in this application are the same.

11. The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd., a Japanese corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office for recording on March 27, 1996 at REEL 7968/FRAME 0452.

12. The fees for claims remaining after the Preliminary Amendment are calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED				
	Number <u>Filed</u>	Number <u>Extra</u>	<u>Rate</u>	Basic <u>Fee</u>
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Total Claims	[55] - 20 =	[35] x	\$ 22 =	[770]
Independent Claims	[7] - 3 =	[4] x	\$ 80 =	[320]
Multiple Dependent Claims			\$260 =	[-0-]
Total Filing Fee =				[1,090]

13. Two Information Disclosure Statements are being filed herewith. 1) A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 5, 1997 in case no. 08/623,336. Official consideration and citation is requested. 2) A new Information Disclosure Statement listing new documents is also being filed.

14. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,860.

15. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050. A duplicate of this request is enclosed.

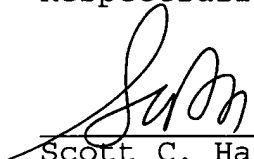
16. The power of attorney in the prior application is to Scott C. Harris, Reg. No. 32,030. Address all future communications to Scott C. Harris at Fish & Richardson P.C., 4225 Executive Square, Ste. 1400, La Jolla, CA 92037.

17. A petition with the required fee to extend the term in the prior application is believed unnecessary. Should any such petition be necessary, please take this paragraph as requesting that extension and charge any fees to deposit account listed in item 15.

Respectfully submitted,

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